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**Subject:** PRPB's Request for Use of Spanish Language During Official Meetings

Mr. Romero and Mr. Saucedo,

Good morning. Recently, COL Clementina Vega brought to my attention her concern that all VTCs are being conducted, by default, in English as opposed to Spanish, as it allegedly had been the customary practice before our firm was retained by the Commonwealth. She claims PRPB officials are at a disadvantage due to the language barrier, and that this is inconsistent with the spirit of Consent Decree signed by the parties. Hence, COL Vega recommends that going forward all communications, including VTCs, be conducted in Spanish during official meetings.

As I had previously shared with the group, Ms. Melinda Romero, COS PRPB, is considering retaining the services of [REDACTED], an extremely competent local interpreter, to assist COL Vega and her staff during VTCs and other forums. If we hold VTCs in Spanish, then [REDACTED] would be translating largely for the benefit of the Office of the Federal Monitor, USDOJ, and other participants.

I wish to know if you have any thoughts on this matter. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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